

The project « Sharing Solutions for Climate Change: The Voice of Citizens'» was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "*Town-Twinning*"

Participation: The Town Twinning Project “**Sharing Solutions for Climate Change: The Voice of Citizens**”, promoted by the Municipality of Sant’Alessio Siculo (Italy), it involved a total of 90 citizens from different European Municipalities: 22 participants from the Ayuntamiento de Palas de Rei (Spain), 20 participants from Mezdra Municipality (Bulgaria) 21 participants from Primaria Posesti (Romania) and 27 participants from Obec Vinica (Slovakia).

Location/ Dates: The event of Town Twinning took place in the town of Sant’Alessio Siculo (Italy) from **10/12/2015** to **17/12/2015**

Short description:

Event 1 have been carried out within this project:

Day I - 10/12/2015 was dedicated to the Arrival of foreign delegations in Catania Airport with the transfer to Sant’Alessio Siculo Municipality and Accommodation

Welcoming and Greetings by the Mayor, Executive body and Local Council of Sant’Alessio Siculo Municipality at the presence of citizens.

Welcoming Dinner.

Day II - 11/12/2015 was dedicated to the official Presentation of the project and the Programme “Europe for Citizens” + Guided tour of Sant’Alessio Siculo

H 10,00 Visit of the monuments and beauties of Sant’Alessio Siculo: Mother Church, Old Wash, District of the Fishermens, View Points and the Rock with the Castle of Sant’Alessio Siculo.

Lunch

H 16,00. Conference of the Presentation at the City Hall: Official Presentation of the project and the Programme “Europe for Citizens”, as tool to improve the democratic and active participation in UE. Discussion on Twinning Town as instrument of Friendship and integration among peoples. Debate on the ways to use European opportunities for an active participation.

Presentation of Partnership and territories by the foreign delegations.

Dinner.

Day III - 12/12/2015 was dedicated to the Visit of the city of Caltagirone and Taormina

Tour around the towns of Caltagirone: The City of the Ceramic.

Ceramics in Caltagirone is an element found everywhere, in the palaces, churches, monuments, gardens and squares. Visit to the “Scala Santa Maria del Monte”, with 142 steps, it is completely covered with ceramic tiles painted.

Visit to the Regional Museum of Ceramics to discover the origins of the Craft pottery.

The tour finished with a walk in the beautiful garden of Villa Liberty Hall, designed by Giovanni Battista Basile.

Lunch

Visit of Taormina tour around the beauties of the city and Greek Theatre.

Dinner.

Day IV - 13/12/2015 was dedicated to Round Table and Focus Group

H 10,00-12,00 **Round Table:** Green Meeting: Climate Change, Renewable Energy and Green Economy. The Meeting was an opportunity to examine and discuss issues related to climate change, renewable energy and the green economy, with the intention to open a constructive debate among citizens and analyse expectations, delays and opportunities for the countries involved and exchange of best practices.

Lunch

H 15,00 -19,00 **Focus Group** on Active European Citizenship, Priorities of the European Agenda, policies of environmental safeguards. Each group brought their own experiences in the European context, it was interesting thinking of the participants, how they see the future and the difficulties encountered in this, especially as regards the European participation.

Dinner

Day V - 14/12/2015 was dedicated to Official Ceremony of Signature of Town Twinning Oath and Interactive Laboratory.

H 10,00-13,00 **Official Ceremony of Town Twinning Oath' Signature.** Meeting on "Sharing Solutions for Climate Change: The Voice of Citizens" with the foreign delegations and a huge participation of citizens. Public Debate and discussion on European policies and the priorities of European Agenda.

Signature of Town Twinning Oath by the Mayors of the cities involved. Execution of the National Anthems of the countries involved and the European Hymn.

H 17,00-20,00 **Interactive Laboratory:** "Europe 2020 Strategy and Sustainable Horizon". The participants were engaged in an interactive workshop during which were discussed the priorities of the 2020 strategy in the field of environmental sustainability and sensitized on the need to take action to respond in a concrete and relevant to the challenges now it places before, about the future in a sustainable way.

Intercultural Dinner.

Day VI - 15/12/2015 was dedicated to the Simulation, Evaluation and Planning for the Future + Working Group

H 10,00-12,00 **Simulation** with schools at the presence of the Director and teachers, on the sustainable city. During the meeting the participants and students have played the role of experts, discussed on the possibilities and obstacles to behavioral change. It was a real opportunity to engage young people in initiatives to debate on issues pertaining to the environment, so they can gain awareness about the depletion of natural resources and the effects that result with Proposal of ideas.

Lunch

H 16,00-19,00

Evaluation thought Questionnaires. Discussion on cooperation and new project proposals, Comparison and exchange of experiences.

Working Group - My project, from spectator to protagonist. Participants have experienced by sharing experiences with partners, like switching from participants creators of design models, within the program Europe for Citizens.

Dinner

Day VII - 16/12/2015 was dedicated to Workshop

H 10,00-12,00 **Workshop** "The Fragility of the Territory" - Workshop on Climate Change and landslides, with the involvement of the Regional Civil Protection.

Lunch

H 16,00-19,00 Visit the Beach of S Alessio Siculo, with the participation of the Environmental League, where can see the effects of erosion due to the hydrogeological. Discussion on the action of beach nourishment.

Farewell dinner: Evening of music and dances of the partner countries

Day VIII - 17/12/2015 was dedicated to Departure

Departure of Foreign delegations